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Request  
For  
Continued Examination (RCE)  
Transmittal

Application Number	09/941,367
Filing Date	August 28, 2001
First Named Inventor	Naoto Kusumoto
Group Art Unit	2814
Examiner Name	Theresa T. Doan
Attorney Docket Number	07977-010005

**This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.**

Request for Continued Examination (RCE) practice under 37 CFR 1.114 does not apply to any utility or plant application filed prior to June 8, 1995, or to any design application. See Instruction Sheet for RCEs (not to be submitted to the USPTO) on page 2.

- Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114** Note: If the RCE is proper, any previously filed unentered amendments and amendments enclosed with the RCE will be entered in the order in which they were filed unless applicant instructs otherwise. If applicant does not wish to have any previously filed unentered amendment(s) entered, applicant must request non-entry of such amendment(s)

  - ☒ Previously submitted. If a final Office action is outstanding, any amendment filed after the final Office action may be considered as a submission even if this box is not checked.
    - ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_
    - ☒ Other Amendment in Reply to Final Office Action of 9/11/2003 filed 01/07/2004
  - ☒ Enclosed
    - ☐ Amendment/Reply
    - ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
    - ☒ Information Disclosure Statement (IDS)
    - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Miscellaneous**

  - ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. §1.103(c) for a period of \_\_\_\_\_ months. (Period of suspension shall not exceed 3 months; Fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(i) required)
  - ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_
- Fee** The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when the RCE is filed.

  - ☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge the following fees, or credit any overpayments, to Deposit Account No. 06-1050
    - ☐ RCE fee required under 37 CFR 1.17(e)
    - ☐ Extension of time fee (37 CFR 1.136 and 1.17)
    - ☒ Other Any deficiencies
  - ☒ Check in the amount of \$ 1080 enclosed (\$770 RCE + \$310 EOT) (Please note that \$110 for 1 month extension of time fee paid January 7, 2004)
  - ☐ Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038 enclosed)

**SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT, ATTORNEY OR AGENT REQUIRED**

Name (Print/Type)	Joseph F. Key	Registration No. (Attorney/Agent)	44,827
Signature		Date	02/11/2004

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